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Movement of Russian armor between Budapest and Vienna:

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1. [redacted] the main four-track railway line between Budapest and Vienna has been practically cleared of all passenger traffic which has been diverted to the secondary cross-country lines. The main line is reported to be devoted almost exclusively to the transport of military stores and armor.

2. On account of this, there is a strong rumor current in Western Hungary that the Soviets were preparing to evacuate Austria. [redacted] Russian tanks and motorized transport moving West and not East on secondary lines in Western Hungary.

Soviet military activity near Hajmáskér (D 79):

3. A large proportion of the Soviet troops in Hungary were concentrated during March on the former artillery range at Hajmáskér, north-east of Veszprém, where Hungarian armored troops were also seen to be training. Source saw the airfield at Veszprém whose surface was very disturbed due to being used for tank training.

4. Ammunition dumps have been installed in the now exhausted mines at Hajmáskér. These dumps contain landmines, artillery and small arms ammunition. Other mines in the neighborhood have been converted into storerooms and have had electricity installed.

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Construction of barracks:

5. The construction of large military establishments is going ahead on an increasing scale. A large barracks has been built at Ercsi (N 39), south of Budapest, on the right bank of the Danube.[2] It is destined for drivers and mechanical engineer personnel.

6. A similar barracks is being built at Tatabánya (Z 04) which is destined for armored troops.

7. Five buildings, each of three stories, have been constructed at Szombathely (C 78) for the accommodation of Russian troops.

25X1 Anti-aircraft batteries near factories:

25X1 8. [redacted] some anti-aircraft batteries in dug-in positions on the right bank of the Danube protecting the Rákosi Works on Csepel Island. [redacted] anti-aircraft batteries have been sited to protect all the major factories in Hungary.

Call-up:

25X1 9. [redacted] all men born between 1922 and 1929 are again being called to the colors for a three months' military training period. This is being arranged on a roster system. In the technical branches, even earlier classes are being called up.

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25X1 [redacted] Comments:

1. Hajmáskér is known as a Soviet Army maneuver area. [redacted]

2. This might indicate a new military construction. [redacted] Hungarian artillery men moved into a new barracks at Ercsi, during September 1951.



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